

SeaTac: Possibilities are outlined

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principal Jon Eisen on a SeaTac City Center retail, dining and entertainment marker study.

The city hired Eisen's consulting firm to do the study on an 82-acre site next to the new airport light-rail station. City officials seek to create a downtown/entertainment district in the area.

Lawmakers wanted to kickstart the project by building a public parking garage on the Cassans'

property for patrons of the planned downtown area.

The Cassans and other SeaTac business owners have contended that city staffers rely too heavily on consultants who do not take into account market realities when proposing ambitious redevelopment plans.

Jack Dodge, SeaTac principal planner, emphasized that the StreetSense study analyzed what is economically viable, but not what

may be economically feasible.

Eisen recommended projects that he said could appeal to both residents and hotel guests.

He suggested a grocery-store anchored development, an urban-style outlet with dining and entertainment options, and a hybrid convenience store and entertainment center development.

Eisen cautioned that the city would need to provide public parking for the developments.

Des Moines: Position pondered for city welcome sign placement

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ner of Big Catch Plaza, facing the street. Councilwoman Carmen Scott said she had issues with it going there.

"That plaza is where a number of events occur, where people gath-

er and the Christmas tree lighting is there and there may be a kiosk there at some point," Scott said. "That would sort of block your view as you come in of the fact that you have a fairly large plaza that may offer more things to see and do.

"I would like to see it somewhere where it is really useful but I don't like the idea of something that solid blocking what else that plaza can service."

She added, "I picture people arriving in downtown, who don't know the downtown. I would like a kiosk to be very visible because that is where you get your sense of, 'OK, what am I going to find, what is there to find?' and I am afraid if you have something that solid in that corner you will be hiding the sense of here is where I can get information."

Councilman Dan Sherman has a different problem with the monument.

"My concern is the location of the sign and the letters are not visible. I'm not sure that that is the best to-see," Sherman said. "I'm not sure downtown I'm not sure that may not be the best location to set."

Due to the holiday, all advertising and notices for the Feb. 12th edition will be due Thursday, Feb. 11, at noon.

Burien homicide case still open after 4 years



Pietz Family photo

Nichole Pietz poses for a wedding photo with her husband in Hawaii.

Last week marked the fourth anniversary of the death of Nicole Pietz. She was last seen at her Lynnwood home by her husband on Jan. 27, 2006.

Nichole Pietz's body was found in a wooded area in Burien near South 144th Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive South on Feb 6, 2006.

Her car, a 2003 Jetta, was found in the University District about two weeks later.

The case has not been solved. The reward for information on

the case that leads to an arrest or conviction is at \$36,000. In addition, Nicole's mother has said the family will pay the legal costs for anyone who comes forward with information germane to the case, but wishes to use the services of an attorney.

The case is active and still under investigation by the King County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Unit.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 206- 296-3311 (24 hrs.)

Prom: Mt. Rainier event missed due to surgery

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cial Welfare from the University of Washington in Tacoma with an emphasis in Human Services.

"I'm happy that I was nudged

into doing it. I wouldn't have been able to go back [to school] so easily," she said. "I'm very appreciative of the Kidney Center for giving me such great opportunities."

Airport noise study workshop set for Feb. 24 at Mt. Rainier

The public workshop for SeaTac Airport's Part 150 Noise Study is scheduled for Feb. 24 at Mount Rainier High School, 22450 19th Ave. S. in Des Moines.

The workshop will begin at 5 p.m.

The Part 150 Study looks at ways to reduce aircraft noise impacts on communities. Through-

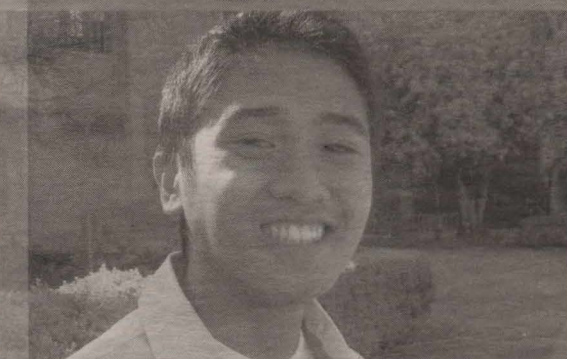


out the study, the public is invited to participate in the solution and recommendation process through active engagement in a series of topical workshops.



A dedicated Part 150 Study Web site has been established as the single location for all documentation connected to the study.

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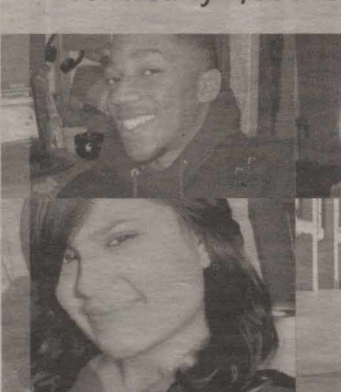


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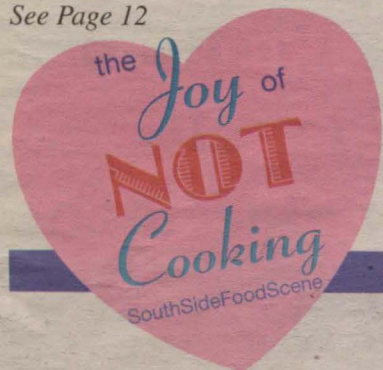
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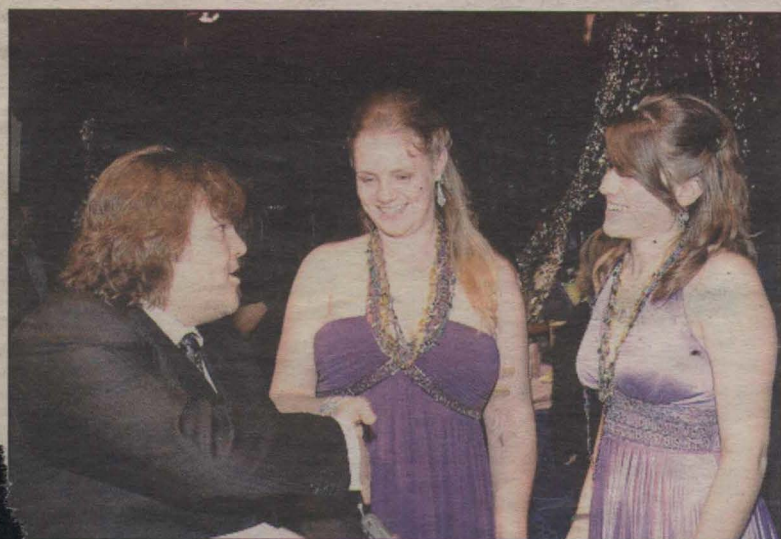
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Fugatt Family photo

ie star Jack Black chats with Des Moines kidney dialysis pa-
Brittany Fugatt, center, and her younger sister, Chelsea, at a
rom in Southern California.

with movie star for missed dance

Julia Livingston

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES/NEWS

Des Moines student Brittany Fugatt got to her high school prom five years late.

But there were compensations. Her date was film star Jack Black and the prom was in Southern California, instead of Mt. Rainier High School.

"The prom was lots of fun. There were tons of people there, the decorations were beautiful and it was very well done," exclaimed Fugatt, a kidney dialysis patient.

Black helped Brittany, her younger sister, Chelsea, who accompanied her, and about 250 young people forget about dialysis and renal disease and enjoy a fun evening at the 11th Annual Renal Teen Masquerade Prom, presented by the Renal Support Network.

Fugatt dialyzes three times a week, four hours a day at the Northwest Kidney Center in SeaTac.

Renal Support Northwest's Patient Focus, which has events for 14-24 year olds, sponsored Fugatt.

Francie Kay, Northwest Kidney Centers spokeswoman, explained that the network is a patient-run organization that offers services to help people with kidney disease.

"Because it is non-profit, it is very patient-focused," said Kay.

"It was a nice compensation for not going to my high school prom and a great opportunity," said Fugatt, who dressed up in a fancy purple prom dress, wore makeup and got her hair styled for the gala affair.

"It has a beaded halter," Fugatt said about her dress. "I tried it on and it felt great."

According to Fugatt, Black was "amazing."

He met with lots of people and then performed a cappella, singing "Kissed by an Angel."

"It was classic Jack Black," Fugatt. "We met him briefly, photograph with him and an oh."

23, Fugatt missed her m, just before her 18th ue to hip replacement complication from the

chronic kidney disease she's suffered since early childhood.

After receiving a kidney transplant in 2002, with a kidney donated from her mother, massive doses of anti-rejection steroids destroyed her hip joints.

Unfortunately, Fugatt's transplanted kidney rejected and in February, 2008 she went back on dialysis at the SeaTac Center.

"I've been here for two years, since it opened," said Fugatt. "I love it here. There's a lot of one-on-one care. I know everyone I work with."

She explained that she doesn't run into many people her own age. However, at the SeaTac Center there are some people between 20-40 years old.

"It's not all 98 year olds," she said. "Renal disease doesn't just impact older people but younger people also."

Fugatt is on the deceased donor list and hopes someday to get another donated kidney.

"They don't last forever," she said.

Social worker Glenda Brown, from the SeaTac Center, initially mentioned to Fugatt that she would be a good candidate to be sent to the prom and nominated her.

"I saw the prom offered in the Renal Support Network Newsletter about six months ago," said Fugatt. "Since October I had a real idea that it might happen."

In addition to the prom opportunity, the Kidney Foundation gives eight scholarships per year. Fugatt was a recipient of one of the scholarships and was awarded \$2,000 for school, which she is currently using at Highline Community College in Des Moines.

Fugatt takes classes at Highline in the mornings and has dialysis in the afternoon.

"These are great opportunities that I've been presented with," she emphasized.

Fugatt's long-term plan is to become a social worker specializing as a child life specialist.

She wants to get a BA in So-

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SeaTac lawmakers rescind eminent domain ordinance

By Eric Mathison

TIMES/NEWS

As expected, SeaTac lawmakers rescinded Jan. 26, a controversial condemnation proceeding against a parking lot next to the airport light-rail station.

The action passed on a voice vote. Former Mayor Ralph Shape, who blocked the action two weeks ago, did not speak during debate on the motion by Deputy Mayor Gene Fisher.

The original condemnation received national and regional attention from property rights advocates. Property rights groups attended the Jan. 26 council meeting to photograph and record their victory.

Scott Roberts from the Evergreen Freedom Foundation urged the council to rescind the eminent domain action.

Newly-elected SeaTac Councilman Rick Forschler spoke against his city's eminent domain action at a recent forum in Houston. Mayor Terry Anderson complained that

newspaper headlines from the Houston forum painted SeaTac in an unfavorable light. Forschler said he had attended property rights meetings before he was elected to the council and would continue to do so.

Doris and James Cassan, who own the Dollar parking lot that was condemned, also had mounted a public relations campaign against the action, including full-page ads in the Highline Times urging people to contact Shape and the city attorney to voice their opposition.

Fisher said the council originally voted to condemn the Cassans' property in order to revive stalled negotiations between the Cassans and the city planning department for a planned mixed-use development on the property.

"The condemnation was never filed (in court) for a reason," Fisher said.

Now that negotiations have resumed and an ad hoc committee, partially made up of business people has been formed to advise the

council on a revised zoning code, the condemnation action should be rescinded, Fisher said.

He added that the condemnation action can be reinstated if negotiations fail.

The action is also contingent on the Cassans withdrawing a King County Superior Court lawsuit against the city.

In remarks to the council, Doris Cassan said she and her husband are "committed to a world-class project that will make the city proud."

She added, "We trust we can go forward with a realistic, flexible plan that takes into account market realities."

Cassan said eminent domain action is not the way for the city to proceed with its development plans.

"Property rights are human rights," Cassan declared.

In other action, lawmakers heard a presentation from StreetSense

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216th gateway eyed

By Keith Daigle

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES/NEWS

With improvements to South 216 Street from Pacific Highway South west to Marine View Drive to begin soon and Des Moines and the Port of Seattle moving forward to develop the Des Moines Creek Business Park, the city is looking to make 216th into a shopping destination.

Widening will be done on 216th from 20th Avenue east to 1-5.

There will be a bicycle lane on either side, as well as a sidewalk on each side. A four and a half foot buffer will separate the sidewalk from the street. The buffer will be planted with trees or low maintenance plants.

On 24th Avenue north from 216th widening will

also be completed. The main road into the business park will be 24th Avenue South.

As the 'gateway' into Des Moines a new "Welcome to Des Moines" monument will be put at 216th and Pacific Highway in front of Safeway.

Councilman Scott Thomasson questioned whether it is a good idea to put in an elaborate monument when it is unknown where light rail is going to go. He said if SeaTac has its way it would be right above where they are planning to put the sign.

There are plans to relocate the current Des Moines monument somewhere else in the city. But where it might go became a matter of some controversy.

The recommendation was to place it at the cor-

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Photo by Keith Daigle

SEEING THE SEA LIFE. Guests at a recent open house at Highline College's Marine Science Technology Center in Redondo marvel at the sea life in the aquarium. Science speakers are featured at the MaST Center periodically. It is also used for Marine Biology and Oceanography classes.